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GOB SET TO PURCHASE OF 3 DAMS & SHARES FROM FORTIS

All eyes and ears are will be focused intently on history at the October 17, 2025 Sitting of the House of Representatives. The Prime Minister is set to announce arguably one of the most important life-altering GoB acquisitions for every Belizean child, woman and man. When BTL, BWS and BEL were acquired in the last decade during UDP rule the situation was tense and definitely hostile. This acquisition is all about planBelize 2.0 efficiency and hope and more from a Briceño administration intent on eradicating poverty by all means necessary.

Prime Minister Briceño was serious in his dislike for load shedding. Since that faithful time in May 2024, Prime Minister Briceño and team have visited Mexico to upgrade our agreement with CFE, signed with the Saudi's starting the process of bringing massive solar current to Belize, agreeing with the World Bank to fund batteries to go along with both CFE and the Solar cells, a power purchase agreement with the Blair Athol Power Company Limited, and the drive to Energy independence is relentless.

The impetus to generate our own electrical current is at the same level as to the impetus to rid Belize of poverty. Prime Minister John Briceño and his entire team will not stop until Belize's consumers significantly benefit with a Belize that is **Energy Independent**.

The Government to Acquire Hydro Power Plants and BEL Shares from Fortis Inc.



October 16, 2025 release

Tomorrow, in the House of Representatives, the Prime Minister of Belize, Hon. John Briceño, will announce that the Government of Belize and Fortis Inc. of Canada have reached an agreement for the purchase of Fortis Inc.'s electricity sector assets in Belize. The Prime Minister, with the approval of Cabinet, will table a Bill that seeks parliamentary authorisation for the acquisition of the three hydropower plants owned and operated by Fortis Belize. The Bill would also authorise the acquisition of Fortis's 33.3% shareholding in the Belize Electricity Limited (BEL).

The three hydropower plants to be acquired, all located on the Macal River, are the 25-megawatt (MW) Mollejon Plant, the 7 MW Chalillo Plant and Reservoir, and the 19 MW Vaca Plant. Together, these plants generate more than one-third of the total electric power consumed annually by Belizeans. The Mollejon Facility was commissioned in 1996, Chalillo in 2005, and Vaca in 2010.

The Government will source the funding for the acquisitions by way of a special budgetary appropriation, expecting to complete the transactions no later than November 15, 2025. Subsequently, the Government will pursue a secondary domestic offering of equity and debt so as to recover the initial acquisition costs. The financial details of the transactions will be outlined during the presentation of the Bill.

The Mollejon and Chalillo power purchase contracts with BEL extend to 2050, while the Vaca contract extends to 2060.

The Government's acquisition of the hydropower plants transfers the facilities to Belizean ownership, thus keeping the company's future profits locally. Crucially, the Government intends to eliminate the annual increases in the cost of power sold by the hydro plants to BEL, and in so doing, provide a significant benefit for all consumers.

"Fortis congratulates the Government of Belize on the agreement to purchase Fortis Belize's hydroelectric assets," said David Hutchens, President and CEO of Fortis Inc. "We have been operating in the country since 1999 and are proud of the performance of our investments and our partnership with the Government. We wish them and the employees every success in their continued commitment to providing reliable energy to the Belizean people."

NERA Consulting UK, Hallmark Advisory, Marsh LLP, and Sukhnandan Consulting LLC advised the Government on the transactions.

The new Hydro Belize Limited, headquartered in San Ignacio, Cayo District, is led by CEO Kay Menzies, with an entirely Belizean team of 48 staff members. The Government's Interim Board for Hydro Belize will be chaired by Ambassador Lynn Young, an accomplished veteran of both BEL and Fortis Belize. End

Fi Wi Boledo App

Tradition at Our Fingertips



10th October 2025 - The Belize Government Lotteries Limited (BGLL) has ushered in a new chapter in the country's gaming and economic landscape with the official launch of the "Fi Wi Boledo" mobile app—a groundbreaking step toward digital transformation, transparency, and community reinvestment. Beyond just entertainment, the Boledo is now fuelling national development through record-breaking revenues and strategic contributions to Belize's healthcare and social systems.

In its first full year of operation under government ownership, BGLL reported sales of \$108 million, exceeding all projections. For 2025, sales are expected to rise even higher—to a record \$137 million, bringing total revenues to a quarter-billion dollars in just two years. Importantly, this surge in performance has directly benefited Belizeans, with \$22 million contributed to the National Health Insurance (NHI) for expanded healthcare services across the country.

Managing Director Mrs. Janel Espat expressed, "A little under two years ago, we set out to ensure that the revenues from Fi Wi Boledo would directly impact the lives of all Belizeans. With sales of \$108 million in our first year and projections of \$137 million in the second, the results speak for themselves. We have already contributed \$22 million to the NHI program—funds that will help ensure quality healthcare for every Belizean."

Gaming for Good: Funding National Healthcare

The National Health Insurance program, which provides free and affordable primary healthcare services, is one of the biggest beneficiaries of the Boledo's resurgence. Dr. Ramon Figueroa, CEO of the NHI, "We've been at this NHI rollout since 2001, and the biggest challenge has always been financing the expansion of healthcare across the country," said Dr. Figueroa. "The government's decision to use lottery proceeds as part of that financing has been transformative. The Boledo contributions have allowed us to move forward with expanding primary care in Orange Walk and now into the Cayo District. These are significant steps toward ensuring that every Belizean, no matter where they live, has access to quality healthcare."

The impact of these contributions extends far beyond the clinics and hospitals—they symbolize how innovation and responsible governance can work hand in hand to improve lives.

A Digital Leap Forward

Mrs. Narda Garcia, CEO in the Office of the Prime Minister (Investment), "Today, we are not just launching a new product; we are launching a new era—an era of convenience, innovation, and modern gaming for the people of Belize," Mrs. Garcia said. "For decades, Boledo has been part of Belizean culture. Now, under government management, it is contributing significantly to national development. This app is a game-changer, designed to give Belizeans the power to play anytime, anywhere, while ensuring every transaction is secure and every dollar is reinvested in our country."

The Fi Wi Boledo app allows players to purchase tickets for Boledo, Ordinary Lottery, and Jackpot games directly from their smartphones. Through a secure partnership with Digi Wallet, users can pay for tickets, check results, and receive winnings instantly—either to their Digi Wallet accounts or directly to local bank accounts. This seamless integration ensures convenience, safety, and transparency.

Mrs. Espat explained, "The main purpose of rolling out the mobile app is to capture a new demographic. Traditionally, our customers have been 40 years and older. Now, we are reaching out to the younger generation—those who are tech-savvy and prefer convenience. By introducing this app, we hope to grow our market base and continue increasing revenue that benefits Belize."

Transforming Tradition Through Technology

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EDITORIAL

ALL THE VIOLENCE!!

Belize's media is made up of these: two newspapers with two others appearing only online, which all but disqualify them from being a 'paper'; about as many video evening newscasts on TV and online as there are districts, with the city's leading in viewership; then, there are multiple social media accounts that exclusively deliver news via posts. Most media try their best to be the first to inform Belize on the murders, the traffic accidents, the holdups, the fires, the flooded areas, and the potholes. The sensationalism of the worst of the worst has become a staple for media houses. The media will argue that people want to be informed. Hypothetically, if the Haulover bridge opens and a Southside murder happens simultaneously, the focus will be on the murder. Then, at the Haulover ceremony, the reporters will ask about the murder. The most recent statistics can be viewed at <https://bco.gov.bz/>, without sensationalism or bias for viewership points. The government is left to spend taxpayer dollars informing the nation about the Haulover sensation, which has been largely ignored by a media that has proven itself to be anti-government and, in many cases, blatantly anti-Belizean progress.

Is the level of violence in Belize increasing? Is there more Gender violence? Is femicide more prevalent than in years past? Are crimes increasingly more violent in nature? Unscientifically, the media would lead anyone to believe that Belize is rampant with crime. The media can easily mislead the diaspora into believing that Belize is rotten to the core. When the statistics show that unemployment is under 2 per cent and that the government is making inroads to stimulate more Belizeans to work, the media ignores this and is cynical. The press then walks one street and talks to a couple of people, and lo and behold, the statistics for the entire country are fictitious. A close examination of the crime statistics reveals a downward trend in crime in Belize. Nevertheless, no one in the Briceño administration's Home Affairs has hoisted a 'mission accomplished' banner.

In 2005, the UDP thugs of Belize City briefly took control, spurred by Barrow's "civil disobedience" taunt. In 2008, UDP commenced 13 years of heightened unhindered crime—check the statistics. The undeniable fact is shown in the most recent of UDP attempts at holding meetings; the UDP thrives in hoodlum behaviour, and the UDP-leaning media thrives when violence is glorified. Is the UDP to blame for violence? Maybe not, but the UDP does not disavow crime.

Another undeniable fact is that the law-abiding citizenry want nothing to do with riots, crime, and violence. Caye Caulker, a small and cariñosa village, recently went against what many sensationalised and wrongly gave the impression that the villagers would vote Yes for Marijuana. Cannabis brings its own perceptions deeply ingrained in a society that wants peace and stability. So, when given the chance, Caye Caulker became a microcosm of a peace-loving Belize; they shouted 'No' to cannabis and all the instability it can bring.

This instability is a source of volatility in our society that the majority opposes. When crime rears its head, the media pick it up and blame everyone, including the government. The sensationalising of violent crimes whilst ignoring the larger picture of a Belize that is prospering with more jobs than at any time in history, with greater access to housing, education, health care, and land than ever before, is at the very least unfair and, at most, a misuse of the powers of the media.

When you research violence, you get this: Violence is spurred by a complex interplay of factors including social and environmental issues (poverty, inequality, social policies), individual characteristics (biological predispositions, personality, psychological traits like a lack of empathy), and situational causes (frustration, anger, and even positive feelings like power or pleasure derived from aggression). These causes are not mutually exclusive and often combine to contribute to violent behaviour. Violence is apolitical and must be addressed with a comprehensive societal effort to promote the good, amplify successes, and thereby create more hope. All citizens have a greater future in a peaceful Belize.

en Español

¡¡TODA LA VIOLENCIA!!

Los medios de comunicación de Belice están compuestos por lo siguiente: dos periódicos y otros dos que solo aparecen en línea, lo que prácticamente los descalifica como «periódicos»; aproximadamente tantos noticiarios vespertinos en televisión y en línea como distritos hay, con la ciudad a la cabeza en audiencia; y, por último, múltiples cuentas en redes sociales que difunden noticias exclusivamente a través de publicaciones. La mayoría de los medios de comunicación se esfuerzan por ser los primeros en informar a Belice sobre los asesinatos, los accidentes de tráfico, los atracos, los incendios, las zonas inundadas y los baches. El sensacionalismo de lo peor de lo peor se ha convertido en un elemento básico para los medios de comunicación. Los medios argumentarán que la gente quiere estar informada. Hipotéticamente, si se inaugura el puente de Haulover y se produce un asesinato en Southside al mismo tiempo, la atención se centrará en el asesinato. Entonces, en la ceremonia de Haulover, los periodistas preguntarán sobre el asesinato. Las estadísticas más recientes se pueden consultar en <https://bco.gov.bz/>, sin sensacionalismo ni sesgos para ganar audiencia. El Gobierno se ve obligado a gastar el dinero de los contribuyentes para informar a la nación sobre la sensación de Haulover, que ha sido ignorada en gran medida por unos medios de comunicación que han demostrado ser antigubernamentales y, en muchos casos, abiertamente contrarios al progreso de Belice.

¿Está aumentando el nivel de violencia en Belice? ¿Hay más violencia de género? ¿Es el feminicidio más frecuente que en años anteriores? ¿Son los delitos cada vez más violentos? Sin base científica, los medios de comunicación llevarían a cualquiera a creer que Belice es un país plagado de delitos. Los medios de comunicación pueden fácilmente engañar a la diáspora haciéndole creer que Belice está podrido hasta la médula. Cuando las estadísticas muestran que el desempleo es inferior al 2 % y que el Gobierno está tomando medidas para estimular a más beliceños a trabajar, los medios de comunicación ignoran esto y se muestran cínicos. La prensa recorre una calle y habla con un par de personas, y he aquí que las estadísticas de todo el país son ficticias. Un examen detallado de las estadísticas sobre delincuencia revela una tendencia a la baja en Belice. Sin embargo, nadie en el Ministerio del Interior de la administración Briceño ha izado una pancarta de «misión cumplida».

En 2005, los matones del UDP de la ciudad de Belice tomaron el control brevemente, impulsados por la provocación de «desobediencia civil» de Barrow. En 2008, el UDP inició 13 años de aumento de la delincuencia sin obstáculos; compruébelo en las estadísticas. El hecho innegable se pone de manifiesto en los últimos intentos del UDP de celebrar reuniones: el UDP prospera con el comportamiento delictivo, y los medios de comunicación afines al UDP prosperan cuando se glorifica la violencia. ¿Es el UDP el culpable de la violencia? Quizás no, pero el UDP no repudia la delincuencia.

Otro hecho innegable es que los ciudadanos respetuosos con la ley no quieren tener nada que ver con los disturbios, la delincuencia y la violencia. Caye Caulker, un pequeño y cariñoso pueblo, se opuso recientemente a lo que muchos sensacionalizaron y dieron erróneamente la impresión de que los habitantes votarían «sí» a la marihuana. El cannabis trae consigo sus propias percepciones profundamente arraigadas en una sociedad que quiere paz y estabilidad. Así que, cuando se le presentó la oportunidad, Caye Caulker se convirtió en un microcosmos del Belice amante de la paz; gritaron «No» al cannabis y a toda la inestabilidad que puede traer consigo.

Esta inestabilidad es una fuente de volatilidad en nuestra sociedad a la que se opone la mayoría. Cuando el crimen asoma la cabeza, los medios de comunicación lo recogen y culpan a todo el mundo, incluido el gobierno. El sensacionalismo de los delitos violentos, ignorando el panorama general de un Belice que prospera con más puestos de trabajo que nunca en la historia, con mayor acceso a la vivienda, la educación, la atención sanitaria y la tierra que nunca, es, como mínimo, injusta y, como máximo, un abuso del poder de los medios de comunicación.

Cuando se investiga la violencia, se llega a la siguiente conclusión: la violencia está impulsada por una compleja interacción de factores que incluyen cuestiones sociales y ambientales (pobreza, desigualdad, políticas sociales), características individuales (predisposiciones biológicas, personalidad, rasgos psicológicos como la falta de empatía) y causas situacionales (frustración, ira e incluso sentimientos positivos como el poder o el placer derivados de la agresión). Estas causas no son mutuamente excluyentes y, a menudo, se combinan para contribuir al comportamiento violento. La violencia es apolítica y debe abordarse con un esfuerzo social integral para promover el bien, amplificar los éxitos y, de ese modo, generar más esperanza. Todos los ciudadanos tienen un futuro mejor en un Belice pacífico.

Fi Wi Boledo App Tradition at Our Fingertips

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For decades, the Boledo has been more than a game—it has been a part of Belizean identity. Families and friends have gathered around radio broadcasts, hoping their numbers would be called. Now, that same tradition lives on digitally, accessible at the tap of a screen.

Mrs. Garcia underscored the importance of this shift, *“By expanding our reach and modernizing operations, we are increasing contributions to vital public services like health, sports, and charity. The Fi Wi Boledo app is a bridge connecting tradition to innovation—a bridge that ensures Boledo continues to benefit Belizeans for generations to come.”*

The platform features real-time notifications, encrypted payments, user-friendly navigation, and instant access to draw results, setting a new benchmark for digital gaming in Belize.

A Legacy Reinvented

The success of the Boledo under BGLL marks a return of national pride and ownership. Where once profits flowed abroad under private contracts, today those revenues are funding Belizean progress. The government’s approach—combining responsible regulation with digital innovation—demonstrates that public enterprises can be both profitable and socially impactful.

Managing Director Janel Espot, *“Today marks not just the unveiling of a new product but the beginning of a new era in how we dream, play, and win. We have built this app with one goal in mind—to bring the thrill of Boledo right to your fingertips. As we roll out a platform that is set to redefine digital gaming, let us celebrate this milestone together. Let us embrace the possibilities and let us get ready to play, dream, and win anytime, anywhere.”*



ANNOUNCEMENTS

The People’s United Party invites applications for those wishing and willing to serve as a member of the Executive Committee for the following divisions:

- 1. Cayo West
- 2. Corozal North

Applications are to be submitted in Duplicate.

The Original to the PUP Secretariat and a Copy to the Caucus Chair in your respective Caucus no later than Friday October 24, 2025 at 4:00 p.m.

Applications are available at the PUP Secretariat.

The People’s United Party invites applications for those wishing and willing to serve as a member of the National Executive Committee for the following Party Arms:

- 1. United Women’s Group
- 2. Belize Youth Movement
- 3. Marshall’s Community Service Corp.

Applications are to be submitted to the PUP Secretariat no later than Friday October 24, 2025 at 4:00 p.m.

Applications are available at the PUP Secretariat.



VACANCY NOTICE LEGISLATURE – NATIONAL ASSEMBLY POSITION: PARLIAMENTARY OFFICER I

Application are invited from suitable qualified persons to fill one (1) position of Parliamentary Officer I for the Legislature at the National Assembly.

The National Assembly is the Legislature or Parliament of Belize. It consists of two Houses, that is, the Senate (Upper House) and the House of Representatives (Lower House). The thirty-one (31) Members of the House of Representatives are elected in a general election under the provisions of the Representation of the People Act. Meanwhile, the thirteen (13) Members of the Senate are nominated and appointed by the Governor General of Belize, in accordance with the Constitution of Belize.

The National Assembly Staff (Conditions of Service) Regulations, 2003, define how staff of the National Assembly are governed.

Basic Purpose of Position:

To provide administrative support to members of the House, tracks bills, motions, committee meetings and outcomes for record-keeping, supports the Clerk and the Presiding Officer in the management of meetings and provides guidance on parliamentary meeting and administrative matters as needed

1. Essential Duties and Responsibilities

- 1. General typing of letters, memos, Notices as it relates to the House
- 2. Provide technical /administrative support to Members as required
- 3. Transcribe, edit and compile verbatim for of House/ Committee meetings
- 4. Compile speeches of Members of the House
- 5. Amend the House and Committee Room Law Books up to the month after publication of new Acts
- 6. Prepare Orders of the Day for the House
- 7. Prepare Notes for the Speaker, Deputy Speaker, Prime Minister and all other member notes required for the House meetings/
- 8. Prepare Minutes/Reports of the House / Committee Meetings
- 9. Assist with the packaging of documents for House/Senate meetings when the need arise
- 10. Attend to visitors at the National Assembly
- 11. Amend Bills for the House/Senate (Deliver to Senior Clerk Assistant for vetting)
- 12. Coordinate with the Senior Clerk Assistant on all matters relating to the sitting of the House/Senate
- 13. Assist with preparation of conferences, seminars and meetings
- 14. Updating of Act Book, Bill Book and Sessional Paper Books
- 15. Assist with research from time to time
- 16. Create reports for the Speaker /Deputy Speaker and President
- 17. In the absence of any Parliamentary Officer of either House task will be reassigned temporarily
- 18. Any other duties assigned from time to time

2. The Candidate should possess the following qualifications and skills:

Skills and Experience Required:

Skills, Knowledge and Abilities

Good knowledge of practices and procedures of the National Assembly. Have general knowledge of the functions of various government ministries/ departments. Computer literate and proficient in the application of word processing and spreadsheet.

Aptitude

Good learning abilities, general clerical knowledge, verbal and writing ability in English. Have good public relations skills and be professional. Years of Experience in Related Field: A minimum of three (3) years of legislative work experience will be an asset.

3. Academic Qualification:

Minimum an Associate’s Degree in General Studies; Secretarial Studies. Information Technology would be an asset; must possess English Language CXC General Proficiency I/II/III passes with a minimum of three (3) years of legislative work experience.

4. Salary:

Equivalent to Government’s Payscale 12 of \$22,557 x 1,014 - \$41,823 per annum.

Deadline for applications

Interested persons who are in possession of the required qualification and experience and have the aptitude for the post of this nature are requested to submit a complete application package which must include a cover letter, curriculum vitae, copies of relevant qualifications, a copy of a recent Police record to The Clerk, National Assembly, Price Centre Road, Belmopan, no later than 24th October, 2025.

BUSINESS TAX AMNESTY PROGRAM

Many Choosing to Start Afresh

*Empowering Belizean Entrepreneurs
Through Reform Part 2*



October 16 - The Government of Belize continues to demonstrate its commitment to strengthening the nation's small business sector through the ongoing Fiscal Incentive MSME Business Tax Amnesty Program. Now in its seventh and eighth stops of the national roadshow, the initiative reached Benque Viejo del Carmen on October 15th and San Ignacio & Santa Elena on October 16th, 2025 — marking another step toward nationwide inclusion and empowerment for entrepreneurs.

Following a strong turnout in Dan-griga, where 43 entrepreneurs attended and 17 MSMEs received official Amnesty Certificates, the western leg of the roadshow continued the momentum. In Benque Viejo, 65 tickets were issued by the Economic Development Council (EDC), and 61 client IDs were processed by SBDC Belize, resulting in 25 completed applications and 17 certificates granted on-site. The following day in San Ignacio and Santa Elena, over 130 participants engaged with representa-



tives from the Belize Tax Service (BTS), BELTRAIDE, and the Investment Policy and Compliance Unit (IPCU).

The success of these events reflects growing awareness and enthusiasm among Belize's micro, small, and medium enterprises (MSMEs) to formalize their operations and benefit from one of the government's most impactful business support programs to date.

The Tax Amnesty Program, launched by the Office of the Prime Minister in partnership with BELTRAIDE, the BTS, and the Economic Development Council, offers a one-year business tax exemption and waiver of accrued penalties and interest for qualifying MSMEs. It also helps entrepreneurs transition from informal operations to legally recognized entities — unlocking access to government tenders, grants, and financing opportunities.

The response so far has been encouraging. From Independence to Orange Walk, hundreds of small business owners have embraced the opportunity to regularize their operations. Each stop of the roadshow provides one-on-one consultations, registration support, and same-day processing — ensuring accessibility for entrepreneurs from all backgrounds.

At every location, the atmosphere has been one of optimism and determination. For many participants, the amnesty program represents a chance to start afresh — free from the burden of back taxes and able to reinvest their earnings into growth and

innovation.

The government's 2025–2029 National MSME Strategy continues to emphasize innovation, inclusivity, and resilience. With MSMEs accounting for an estimated 70% of Belize's total employment, this program aligns with the broader vision of economic recovery and sustainable development.

As the roadshow continues across the country — with upcoming stops in San Pedro, Caye Caulker, Punta Gorda, and Belmopan — officials encourage all eligible business owners to take advantage of the program before the October 29, 2025, deadline.

In essence, the MSME Tax Amnesty Program represents more than a policy — it is a promise. A promise that the government of Belize stands behind its entrepreneurs, helping them to move from survival to success, from informal to empowered.



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- Orders, performs, and interprets results of diagnostic tests, such as MRIs, PET scans, and CT scans.
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- Works with psychiatrists, therapists, and neurologists, and consults with other departments.
- Performs basic administrative and business tasks, such as keeping records, writing prescriptions, and fills out paperwork.
- Keeps up to date with new discoveries and attends academic conferences.

Qualifications:

- A Medical degree and the successful completion of a residency and fellowship in neurosurgery.
- A license and certification to practice neurosurgery.
- The ability to read and interpret diagnostic reports.
- A thorough knowledge of human anatomy and microsurgery techniques.
- Excellent hand dexterity and hand-eye coordination.
- Strong communication and interpersonal skills.
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How to Apply:

Send a copy of your CV and 2 letters of recommendation with proof of degrees and certifications to: manuel.chub@sb-health.com
Deadline: **October 15th, 2025.**



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REQUEST FOR EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST (REOI)
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Consultancy Services to Develop a Comprehensive Digital Platform for Belize’s Investment Incentive Processes

Institution: Ministry of Finance
Country: Belize, Central America
Project: Trade and Investment Facilitation Program for Belize
Process ID: BL-L1040 – P00039
Duration: Twelve (12) Months
Deadline: **October 28th, 2025; 10:00 a.m. (Local Belize Time)**

The Government of Belize has received loan financing from the Inter-American Development Bank (IDB) for the implementation of the Project - Trade and Investment Facilitation Program in Belize (TIFP).

The Ministry of Finance, through its Central Executing Unit, intends to allocate a portion of the project’s proceeds to procure the services of a Consulting Firm to undertake the **“Consultancy Services to Develop a Comprehensive Digital Platform for Belize’s Investment Incentive Processes.”**

The Ministry of Finance invites interested firms to access the full version of this REOI online at <https://procurement.gov.bz/opportunities/> or by scanning the QR code below, and to submit their Expression of Interest (EOI) in accordance with the instructions provided in the full version.

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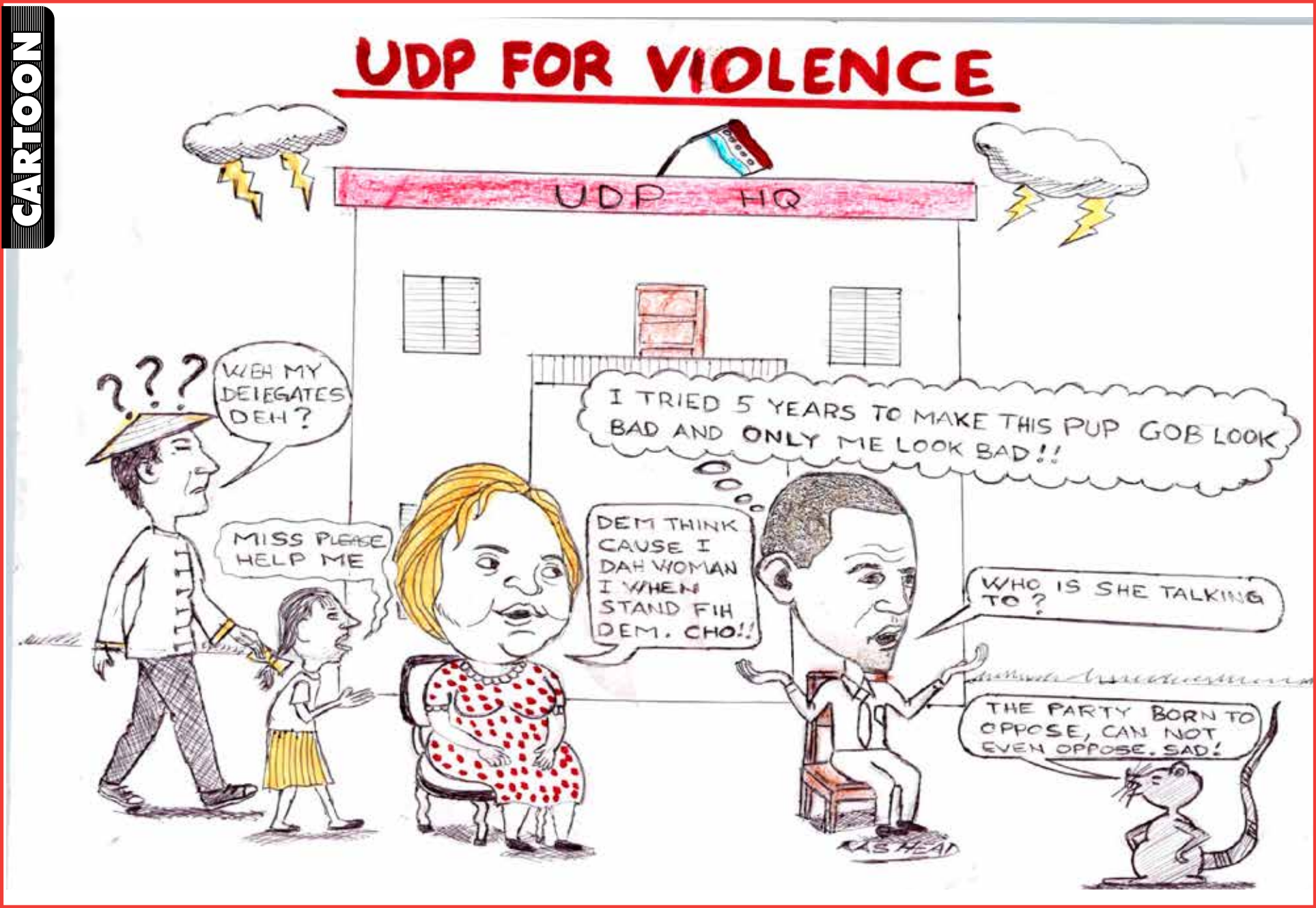
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PRIME MINISTER JOHN BRICENO

Remarks

St. Thomas Street, Belize City
16th October 2025

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Hon. Michel Chebat, Minister of Public Utilities, Energy & Logistics,

His Worship, Mayor Bernard Wagner,

Ms. Narda Garcia, Chief Executive Officer in the Office of the Prime Minister and Ministries of Investment and Civil Aviation,

Her Excellency Ambassador Amalia Mai, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Foreign Trade & Immigration,

Dr. Leroy Almendarez, Chief Executive Officer, Ministry of Public Utilities, Energy & Logistics,

Mr. Jose Urbina, Chief Executive Officer, Ministry of E-Governance,

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And all guests and viewers joining us online.

A pleasant good afternoon,

Just last month, at its 19th Annual General Meeting, Belize Telemedia Limited (BTL) reported *Momentum with Strong Earnings and a Confident Outlook*. The company announced revenues of \$154.9 million, reflecting solid growth, and \$12.9 million in total dividends distributed to shareholders. Grounded in its five-year plan to grow its return on equity from 1.9% to 12% by year five, BTL now stands poised to meet that target, a clear demonstration of sound leadership, prudent stewardship, and a steadfast commitment to national progress.

Today's launch of the Digi Signature Plus Store is more than the unveiling of a modern retail space; it is a statement of purpose. By returning to its headquarters on St. Thomas Street here in Belize City, the company reaffirms its investment in its customers, its assets, and most importantly, its people. The comfort, well-being, and empowerment of its staff, the true strength of the organization, remain at the heart of this renewal.

BTL has evolved beyond telecommunications. It is an essential service and a driving force for connectivity, advancement, and transformation across Belize. Transitioning from Telco to TechCo, BTL continues to expand into FinTech and other emerging sectors, reinforcing Belize's position as a rising hub for digital ingenuity and technology-driven investment.

In recent weeks, Belize has attracted growing international attention for its advancement across key sectors, from sustainable tourism and renewable energy to logistics, infrastructure, and digital modernization. BTL's transformation mirrors and embodies that same national confidence, demonstrating how strategic vision, resourcefulness, and resilience can propel a Belizean enterprise to regional prominence while strengthening the very foundation of our economy.

The Signature Plus Store, complete with its in-house Business Center, stands as a tangible example of that forward-looking spirit. It showcases the power of connectivity and its vital role in enabling national productivity, supporting micro and small enterprises, strengthening medium-sized operations, and driving efficiency across larger corporations. Through such technological progress, BTL continues to bridge opportunity, build resilience, and position Belize to thrive in this new global era.

This remarkable achievement is a testament to the vision and leadership of the Board of Directors, under the guidance of Chairman Mark Lizarraga, and to the strategic direction provided by Chief Executive Officer Ivan Tesucum, along with the entire Senior Leadership Teams at BTL. Their foresight, commitment, and disciplined approach have propelled the company to this milestone.

I also wish to extend my commendation to the management and staff of BTL, it is your dedication, ingenuity, and tireless efforts that have brought us to this moment of pride and celebration. As we look ahead, may we continue to make decisions grounded in integrity and strategic foresight, always advancing the best interests of the company and its shareholders.

I take immense pride in seeing BTL stand as a national leader, not only in service excellence, but in innovation, vision, and purpose. BTL exemplifies what we mean when we speak of Belize's potential: a company rooted in its people, driven by purpose, and confident in its role in shaping our collective future.

Today, as we open the doors to the Digi Signature Plus Store, we open a new chapter, one that connects technology with opportunity, and progress with prosperity. Together, we continue to build a Belize that is connected, competitive, and confident.

Thank you.



SCA VOLLEYBALL TEAM AH GOLD-MEDAL CHAMPION!



Belizeans erupted in jubilation at the announcement that the Saint Catherine Academy (SCA) Seahawks were victorious at the IX Central American Isthmus Commission for Sports and Recreation (CODICADER) Under-15 Volleyball Championship in San Jose, Costa Rica, held from Friday to Tuesday, October 3-7.

In a thrilling finish, in the final game on Tuesday, the SCA U-15 girls prevailed over the Costa Rican powerhouse Expiremental Bilingue de Turrialba in two sets, 28-26 and 26-24, securing gold.

In a stellar performance, the SCA girls debuted with a two-set win over the Nicaraguan team, Colegio San Francisco Hermanos Maritsa, 25-23 and 25-22 on Saturday, October 4th. Then on Monday they faced the Costa Rican team beating them in two sets, 25-18 and 25-22, advancing as leaders of their group, to the semi-finals. And in the semi-finals, the Seahawks made a flight to the finals trouncing the Guatemalan team, Liceo Javier, 25-22, 25-19.

Special mention goes to the Saint John's Wildcats (SJC) team who represented Belize at the Games gaining 5th place after beating the C.E.B. Pablo Zelata Sierra team of Honduras 25-9 and 25-15. The Belize contingent also included 11 athletes competing in track and field. Jayden Gentle of Corozal Community College silver-medaled in the high jump, Jan Sosa got bronze in the javelin competition and BrAyden Jacobs received the bronze medal in the 150-meter. Congratulations to them for also making Belize proud.

After a motorcade and celebratory dinner and recognition for the historic performance, one thing is clear, the Saint Catherine Academy U-15 Girls Volleyball Team "Ah Champions", Gold Champions. Making Belize proud.

By Hilly Bennett



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Belize Hosts - 2025 Caribbean Elite Cycling Championships



October 11th Weekend - After a grueling 3 circuits, Belizeans at home and abroad must be very proud! In cycling, Belize is known for Holy Saturday but that was six months ago. The event brought together over 70 top cyclists from 17 countries, competing in the U23 and Elite categories for championship titles and qualification to the 2026 Central American and Caribbean Games. Mayor Bernard Wagner expressed the honor of delivering the official welcome speech at the Team Presentation Ceremony for the 2025 Caribbean Elite Road Cycling Championships.

Belizean Cycling champions Derrick Chavarria and Oscar Quiroz took gold (U23 category) and silver (Elite category) medals, respectively.



Belize National Prayer

Almighty and Eternal God, who through Jesus Christ has revealed Your Glory to all nations, please protect and preserve Belize, our beloved country.

God of might, wisdom and justice, please assist our Belizean government and people with your Holy Spirit of counsel and fortitude.

Let Your light of Your divine wisdom direct their plans and endeavours so that with Your help we may attain our just objectives.

With Your guidance, may all our endeavours tend to peace, social justice, liberty, national happiness, the increase of industry, sobriety and useful knowledge.

We pray, O God of Mercy, for all of us that we may be blessed in the knowledge and sanctified in the observance of Your most holy law, that we may be preserved in union and, in that peace which the world itself cannot give.

And, after enjoying the blessings of this life, please admit us, dear Lord, to that eternal reward that You have prepared for those who love You.
Amen.



Belizeans in unison, salute to our champs, and congrats to the 2025 Caribbean Elite Cycling champions, the Teniel Campbell and Rudy Gomez. You are always welcomed in grand fashion.

Women's U23 Official results: Melsey Yameley Perez Vega, Champion; Flor Espir-



itusanto Estevez, 2nd Place; Lianis Mesa Silveira, 3rd place.

Women's Elite Official results: Teniel Campbell, Champion; Gabriella Arnold, 2nd Place; Evelyn Diaz Matus, 3rd place.

Men's U23 Official results: Derrick Chavarria, Champion; José Dominguez,



2nd Place; Jadian Neaves, 3rd place.
Men's Elite Official results: Rudy Alexander Germoso Gomez, Champion; Oscar Quiroz, 2nd Place; Benjamin Leny, 3rd place.

Present was Minister Anthony Mahler, Minister of Sports lending his first hand strong support as is usually the case with Sports embedded in his heart.

For participants and host, it was certainly a weekend to remember!
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20th ILO American Regional Meeting

Belize participates in adopting the Punta Cana Declaration
“Advancing Decent Work, Social Justice, and Inclusive Development”



The Government of Belize joined delegates from across the Americas at the 20th American Regional Meeting (AmRM) of the International Labour Organization (ILO), held from October 1-3, 2025, under the theme Advancing Decent Work, Social Justice, and Inclusive Development.

Belize’s delegation was led by Hon. Florencio Marin Jr., Minister of Rural Transformation, Community Development, Labour, and Local Government, accompanied by Mr. Valentino Shal, Chief Executive Officer, and Ms. Rissela Dominguez-Patt, Labour Commissioner. Representing employers was Ms. Kim Aikman, Chief Executive Officer of the Belize Chamber of Commerce and Industry (BCCI), while Ms. Ella Waight, President of the National Trade Union Congress of Belize (NTUCB), represented workers.

The tripartite meeting brought together over 300 participants, including ministers, senior officials, and leaders of workers’ and employers’ organizations, to discuss key issues shaping the world of work and to set shared priorities for the future of decent work in the region.

At the conclusion of the meeting, delegates adopted the Punta Cana Declaration, a landmark commitment by governments, employers, and workers to promote democracy, peace, social dialogue, and decent work as pillars of sustainable and inclusive development in the Americas.

The Declaration identifies key regional priorities for the ILO and its constituents, including:

- Job creation and social protection for all;
- Strengthening democratic institutions and respect for fundamental rights;
- Promoting sustainable enterprises and a just transition toward resilient societies;
- Advancing gender equality, living wages, and national care policies; and
- Supporting the transition from informal to formal employment.

The Punta Cana Declaration aligns with the ILO’s Strategic Plan for 2026–2029 and the ILO Centenary Declaration for the Future of Work, reaffirming the importance of tripartism and social dialogue in addressing challenges such as informality, inequality, technological change, and climate impacts on employment.

Belize’s participation in this high-level forum reflects the country’s ongoing commitment to advancing decent work, strengthening social dialogue, and aligning national policies with the global Decent Work Agenda. The outcomes of the ILO meeting will help shape Belize’s actions and policies under its Decent Work Country Programme (DWCP) 2024–2029, as well as other national projects aimed at improving jobs, working conditions, and social justice. (release)

PRESS RELEASE

The Rules Committee of the Senior Courts of Belize Issues Practice Direction on the use of Artificial Intelligence (AI) in the Courts.



9 October 2025, Belize City, Belize - The Honourable Chief Justice, Madam Louise Esther Blenman, announces that the Rules Committee of the Senior Courts of Belize has issued Practice Direction No. 18 of 2025 on the Ethical Use of Generative Artificial Intelligence (AI) in Court Proceedings. The Practice Direction came into effect on August 12, 2025.

This direction is the first of its kind in Belize, providing formal guidance for the responsible and ethical use of AI by Judges, Magistrates, Registrars, Attorneys-at-Law, and all court users. It reflects the judiciary’s commitment to innovation and modernization within the justice system, ensuring that emerging technologies are used in an ethical manner to enhance, rather than undermine the integrity and fairness of judicial proceedings.

The Practice Direction provides clear guidance on the acceptable use of AI in legal research, drafting, and submissions. It emphasizes the importance of accuracy, confidentiality, and disclosure, reminding court users that AI-generated content must be verified and that accountability remains paramount. The issuance of this practice direction on the use of AI positions Belize among the first in the Commonwealth Caribbean to responsibly integrate AI, to strengthen efficiency, transparency, accountability, and public trust in the administration of justice.



REQUEST FOR BIDS

Country: Belize

Name of Project: Belize Blue Cities and Beyond Project (P181064)

Contract Title: Works Contract for Water Network Expansion for South San Pedro

Loan Credit No.: IDA-76910

RFB Reference No.: BZ-BWS-461698-CW-RFB

1. The *Belize Water Services Limited* has received financing from the World Bank toward the cost of the *Belize Blue Cities and Beyond Project (P181064)* and intends to apply part of the proceeds toward payments under the contract for *Works Contract for Water Network Expansion for South San Pedro*.

The *Belize Water Services Limited* now invites sealed Bids from eligible Bidders for *Works Contract for Water Network Expansion for South San Pedro*. Location of works is *San Pedro, Ambergris Caye*. The scope of works to be implemented includes about 3.484 km of 8-inch distribution water main, 0.64 km of 6-inch distribution water main, and 3.74km of 4-inch distribution water main. The duration is approximately 12 months. Estimated value of works is \$2,000,000.00 Belize Dollars.

2. Bidding will be conducted through national competitive procurement using a Request for Bids (RFB) as specified in the World Bank’s “Procurement Regulations for IPF Borrowers” *Seventh Edition dated September 2025* (“Procurement Regulations”) and is open to all Bidders as defined in the Procurement Regulations.
3. Interested eligible Bidders may obtain further information from *Ms. Stephanie Lozano, Procurement Specialist, Belize Water Services Limited*, and inspect the bidding document during office hours 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. at the address given below 7 Central American Boulevard, Belize City or submit a request for bidding documents to email address, rce@bws.com.bz.
4. Bids must be delivered to the address below on or before *October 31st, 2025, at 2:00 p.m.* Electronic Bidding will *not* be permitted. Late Bids will be rejected. Bids will be publicly opened in the presence of the Bidders, designated representatives and anyone who chooses to attend at the address, 7 Central American Boulevard, Belize City on *October 31st, 2025, at 2:15 p.m.*
5. All Bids must be accompanied by a “*Bid Security*” of 3% of bid amount in Belize Dollars.
6. Attention is drawn to the Procurement Regulations requiring the Borrower to disclose information on the successful bidder’s beneficial ownership, as part of the Contract Award Notice, using the Beneficial Ownership Disclosure Form as included in the bidding document.

7. The address referred to above is:

Ms. Stephanie Lozano
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Disaster Preparedness BELIZE RIVER VALLEY YOUTH LEAD THE WAY

NEMO's pioneering School Disaster Leadership Brigade

October 9, 2025 - Ten students and one educator from Belize Rural Primary School, representing six communities within the Belize River Valley, have successfully completed the School Disaster Leadership Brigade Program. The graduation ceremony for this landmark initiative was held yesterday at the school's compound in Double Head Cabbage Village.

The initiative, led by the National Emergency Management Organization (NEMO), in partnership with the Taiwan International Cooperation and Development Fund (Taiwan ICDF) and other partner agencies, marks a significant milestone in strengthening community-based disaster preparedness across Belize. As a pilot project, it aims to develop a culture of safety and preparedness at the primary school level, building awareness and leadership from an early age.

Participants representing Flowers Bank, Double Head Cabbage, Lemonal, Bermudian Landing, Scotland Halfmoon, and Rancho Dolores underwent training in disaster risk reduction, disaster preparedness, fire safety, first aid, and search and rescue awareness with practical rope-tying techniques. These sessions equipped students with the knowledge and confidence to take on leadership roles before, during, and after emergencies, making them among the youngest trained responders in the district.



Speaking on behalf of the National Emergency Coordinator, Mr. Daniel Mendez, Assistant District Coordinator for Belmopan, Ms. Giani Vasquez, commended the graduates for their commitment to service. She emphasized that “these young leaders represent a new generation of resilience, one that understands preparedness not just as a lesson, but as a way of life.”

The ceremony concluded with the presentation of certificates and safety shirts, formally recognizing the students as members of NEMO's pioneering School Disaster Leadership Brigade in the Belize River Valley. (release)

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Press Release
10 October 2025

Fi We Boledo App Goes Live: Buy & Win Seamlessly with DigiWallet



Belize City, Friday, 10 October 2025: The Belize Government Lotteries Limited (BGLL) has officially launched the Fi We Boledo Gaming App, giving Belizeans a modern and convenient way to purchase their favorite Boledo, Jackpot and Lottery tickets directly from their mobile devices anytime, anywhere.

The app is fully integrated with DigiWallet, Belize's #1 mobile wallet platform, serving as the online channel for purchasing tickets and receiving payouts.

With this new app, users can pay and play instantly via DigiWallet, and then collect their winnings directly through DigiWallet or their bank accounts. DigiWallet users also enjoy the added convenience of instant notifications confirming deposits of their winnings into their accounts.

Speaking on the launch, Melanie Blake, General Manager, Digiwallet Limited, shared “Boledo has been a part of Belizean culture for generations. It's more than a game; it's a tradition. With DigiWallet, we've made it easier, safer, and more accessible than ever before. Whether you're at home, at work, or on the go, you can now play and collect your winnings directly from your phone - no lines, no waiting. This is a key step in our strategy to bring Belizeans more digital solutions and enhance everyday experiences through technology. The Boledo experience, made EASY.”

The launch of the Fi We Boledo Gaming App highlights DigiWallet's role as a leading payment solution in Belize, committed to innovation, security, and making everyday transactions simpler and more accessible.

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LETTER TO THE Editor



Time for Respect and Responsibility

Dear Editor,

It is disheartening to see how quickly some people forget where they came from and who supported them along the way. To the man who once proudly sang “God Bless Fi Wi Prime Minister” — what changed? The venom you now spew against those who helped carry you reveals more about your character than theirs.

I ask my party to find new and young talents from across Belize and not waste time on what we deem a musical prostitute. If you truly believe you can do better, then put your name on a ballot and face the people. Otherwise, sit down and let those who are working for Belize continue to do so. Throwing public tantrums for attention helps no one, least of all our country.

Belize does not need more division or bitterness; we need action, creativity, and unity. You have talent — why not use it to uplift Belizean music and culture instead of tearing others down? Promote Belizean artists at home, in the region, and internationally. Show the world the richness of our sound and the pride of our people.

Our nation has too many capable young people ready to serve and contribute. Let us encourage them — not discourage them with petty squabbles and empty noise. Belizeans deserve leaders and influencers who build, not those who belittle.

Respectfully,
J Roberts

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More 75th Anniversary Celebration Highlights

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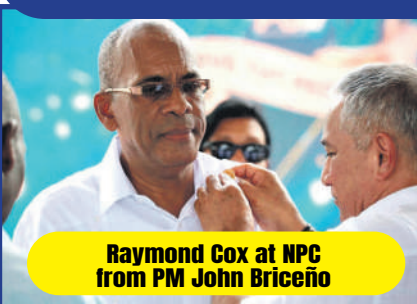
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The Work Continues
Belize City Council & Min. Anthony Mahler


Hosting the Caribbean Elite Cycling Championships

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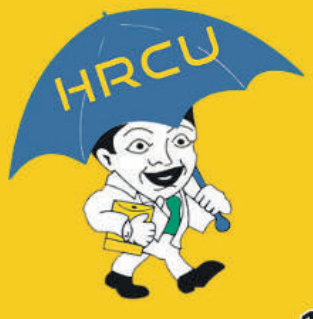


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PORT's LIU GRADUATES MAKE THE COMMUNITY
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Thursday September 25th was a glorious day for the Port Loyola as Hon. Gilroy Usher Area Representative for the division and families congratulated the six trainees from the constituency, who were part of the graduating class of over 40 students from the Tubal Trade and Vocational Institute on the Phillip Goldson Highway in Ladyville.

During the three months training session that is organized by the Leadership Intervention Unit (LIU) under the Ministry of Home Affairs, the youths embraced the opportunity to equip themselves with marketable work skills in cake decorating, sewing, customer care, hospitality, welding, AC maintenance, mechanic, and electricity among other professions.

At the end of the training, the youths are normally given a

package to assist them in seeking suitable employment in the private or public sector or in starting their own small businesses.

As a safety net for marginalized youths, the program also offers employment base training, conflict resolution through counseling, and the development of life skills such as goal setting and cooperation.

The director of the LIU program is Miss Dominique Norales.

TEAM 7 TAKES 1ST PLACE IN EXCITING VOLLEYBALL MARATHON ON PEN RD IN PORT LOYOLA

In the second Saturday of an exciting volleyball marathon at the basketball court on Neal Pen Rd organized by Hon Gilroy Usher Area Representative for Port Loyola, Team Seven won the championship and the prize for 1st place by defeating K.J. Ballers 15-13 and 15-11 in the best of three sets.

To reach the final Team Seven dropped Alvin's Rollers 10- 5 and 10 -9 in the best of three sets.

The exciting volleyball marathon continues same place same time next week Saturday. Bring out the entire family.



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REQUEST FOR EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST
(CONSULTING SERVICES – INDIVIDUAL CONSULTANT SELECTION)

Belize
Climate Resilient and Sustainable Agriculture Project (CRESAP)
Loan No.: 9347 BE
Project ID No.: P172592
Assignment Title: Social Safeguard Specialist (CRESAP)
Reference No. BZ-SIF-501675-CS-INDV

The Government of Belize has received financing from the World Bank toward the cost of the Climate Resilient and Sustainable Agriculture Project and intends to apply part of the proceeds for consulting services.

The consulting services ("the Services") is for a suitable qualified **FULLTIME SOCIAL SAFEGUARD SPECIALIST FOR CLIMATE RESILIENT AND SUSTAINABLE AGRICULTURE PROJECT (CRESAP)**. The Social Safeguard Specialist will work closely with the Water Management and Climate Change Coordinator in the Ministry of Agriculture, Food Security and Enterprise (MAFSE) and will report to the Project Coordinator (PC) of the CRESAP PIU.

The GOB has appointed the Belize Social Investment Fund (BSIF) as the implementing agency for the project and the BSIF is seeking to recruit an individual to fill the position of **Social Safeguard Specialist for CRESAP**.

The consultancy is expected to be for an initial period of Eighteen (18) months commencing November 2025. The Social Safeguard Specialist will be supervised by the Project Coordinator (PC) of the CRESAP PIU.

The detailed Terms of Reference (TOR) for the assignment can be obtained by submitting a request in writing via e-mail to procurement.cresap@sifbelize.org.

The Belize Social Investment Fund now invites eligible individuals ("Consultants") to indicate their interest in providing the Services. Interested Consultants should provide information demonstrating that they have the required qualifications and relevant experience to perform the Services (such as cover letter, Curriculum Vitae etc.).

- Minimum Mandatory Requirements *(Required)**
- Qualifications**
- Professional with a Bachelor's degree in Anthropology, Sociology, Applied Social Science, Agro-ecology or Sustainable Development or related field relevant to the assignment (20 points).

- General Experience**
- At least four (4) years of relevant professional experience in Social risk management , including the development and implementation of Social safeguards / standards instruments (max 30 points)

If these minimum requirements are not met, candidates will not be considered for the process

Additional Requirements (Desirable)

Specific Experience

- Experience in Social risk management in development projects; (max 20 points)
- Knowledge and experience working with World Bank Environmental and Social Framework or Safeguards Policies and instruments; or with similar standards and policies of other multilateral development institutions (e.g. IFAD, GCF, IDB, CDB, EU etc.); (max 20 points)
- Experience working or familiarity with grievance redress mechanisms and labour laws of Belize and the ILO. (max 10 points)

Minimum total points required to be considered for the assignment is 75 points.

The attention of interested Consultants is drawn to Section III, paragraphs, 3.14, 3.16, and 3.17 of the World Bank's "Procurement Regulations for IPF Borrowers" July 2016 ("Procurement Regulations"), setting forth the World Bank's policy on conflict of interest.

A Consultant will be selected in accordance with the Selection of Individual Consultant method set out in the Procurement Regulations.

Further information can be obtained at the address below during office hours, i.e. 0800 to 1600 hours Belize Time.

Expressions of interest must be delivered in a written form to the address below (in person, or by mail, or by e-mail) by **October 24th, 2025** at 17:00 hours Belize Time.

W Belize Social Investment Fund
Attn: Ms. Jahnina Reyes, Procurement Officer
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October 9th, 2025 - The Belize Postal Service joins the global postal community in celebrating World Post Day 2025 under the Universal Postal Union's theme, "**#PostForPeople: Local Service. Global Reach.**"

The theme reflects the vital role of postal services in connecting communities locally while extending Belize's reach to global markets. Postmaster General Dr. Marsha Price reaffirmed the Belize Postal Service's commitment to modernization, innovation, and customer service excellence.

"On this World Post Day, we celebrate our role as a bridge between people, businesses, and the world. The Belize Postal Service is evolving, expanding access, embracing technology, and serving every Belizean with trust and reliability."

In alignment with this year's theme, we have expanded our local services offered to our customers through the introduction of our first postal shops launched in Belize City, San Ignacio, San Pedro, Placencia, and Caye Caulker. Our Track & Trace App now provides real-time visibility

on domestic parcels, with international tracking to follow.

Looking ahead, the Belize Postal Service's future strategy includes e-commerce logistics and export facilitation for small business entrepreneurs, as well as collaborations with key stakeholders and the Universal Postal Union to facilitate trade, particularly for women entrepreneurs in Belize. We will also be updating our Belize Postal Service website to create an e-commerce platform for both local and international trade.

On this World Post Day, the Belize Postal Service will ensure that we continue to offer quality services to everyone, everywhere, connecting local communities to the world.

Customers are invited to visit their local post office to learn more about new services and take part in special promotions coming soon. (release)

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Request for Proposals

Specialized Technical Supervision Consultancy

N° CABEI-CS 002-2147/2025

October 17, 2025:

1. RESOURCES SOURCE

The Central American Bank for Economic Integration (CABEI), as part of the services it provides to its beneficiary partner countries, is providing total financing for the selection and hiring of a consulting firm that will provide Specialized Technical Supervision Services to the BISP, within the framework of the Belize Integral Security Programme (BISP) for which CABEI has approved the resources.

2. EXECUTING AND CONTRACTING AGENCY OF THE TENDER PROCESS

2.1. The Ministry of Economic Transformation (MET) is the Executing Agency of the Contracting Party. It intends to use a portion of the funds of this financing to make eligible payments under the Contract for which this invitation to Bid is being issued.

2.2. The Belize Integral Security Programme is responsible for this selection process, for which it invites eligible consulting firms to submit proposals to develop the consultancy.

2.3. The consulting firm will be selected through an international competition in accordance with the procedures of the Central American Bank for Economic Integration established in the Policy for the Obtaining of Goods, Works, Services and Consultancies with CABEI Resources and its Norms for Application found in the following Internet site: <https://www.bcie.org>

3. PRESENTATION OF THE COMPETITION PROCESS

1.1. The General objective of the consultancy to be carried out is to provide Specialized Technical Supervision Services to the BISP. The Contractor shall function as a dynamic element in the execution of the Program, serving as a link between the Executing Agency, the Executing Unit and CABEI, facilitating compliance with the Bank's procedures and regulations, making available, when necessary, the appropriate personnel to carry out the required activities and promoting the streamlining of the processes associated with the Program, as well as the periodic supervision of infrastructure projects and goods that require it.

1.2. The contractor makes available to interested parties all the documentation related to this consultancy that is necessary for the preparation of the proposals.

This information will be available free of charge:

a. Information package can be requested from the Belize Integral Security Programme (BISP), Project Executing Unit, 1904 Constitution Drive, 2nd Floor, Unit # 3, Belmopan City, at: technical_supervision_bisp@met.gov.bz and copy: projectcoordinator_bisp@met.gov.bz

1.3. Proposals must be sent to the address listed below no later than **November 25, 2025, at 10:00 a.m.**

Submission of proposals electronically will not be permitted. Late proposals will not be accepted.

The proposals will be opened publicly, in the presence of the representatives designated by the bidders and any person who decides to attend, at the address indicated below, on **November 25, 2025, at 10:15 a.m.**

3.4 The address mentioned above is:

Elvis Requena
Project Coordinator
Belize Integral Security Programme (BISP)
Programme Executing Unit
1904 Constitution Drive 2nd Floor, Unit #3
Belmopan City, Belize C.A.

Voice of the Common Man

BELIZE SIGNS LOAN AGREEMENT WITH KFAED TO UPGRADE GEORGE PRICE HIGHWAY

(Belmopan-La Democracia Section)

By Hilly Bennett

The 2025 World Bank Group (WBG) and International Monetary Fund (IMF) Annual Meetings are underway at the two institutions’ headquarters in Washington, DC. The meeting began on October 13th and runs through Saturday, October 18th. The meetings will focus on discussions of the unexpected resilience of the world economy. Representing Belize is the Financial Secretary, Joseph Waight.



On the margins of the IMF-WBG Meetings Belize signed a loan agreement with the Kuwait Fund for Arab Economic Development (KFAED). Financial Secretary, Joseph Waight signed on behalf of the Government of Belize (GOB), while Acting Director General Waleed Al-Bahar signed on behalf of KFAED. According to a statement by the Kuwait representative, “KFAED will provide the Government of Belize with a loan of KD4 million (12.8) to contribute to financing the George Price Highway (Belmopan-La Democracia Section) project.” This portion of the highway forms a major part of the east-west transport corridor linking Belize City with Benque Viejo del Carmen on the Guatemalan border. In a statement by KFAED the project objective is to upgrade the highway to international standards. The improvements are expected to enhance accessibility, reduce travel time and operating time, and boost regional trade, agriculture and commercial activity. In a Government of Belize press release “The project includes the construction of new service lanes, the upgrading of existing bridges, and the addition of 16 bus stop lanes aimed at improving safety, accessibility, and connectivity to trade.”

According to KFAED the loan is structured over a 21-year term, including a five-year grace period. It carries an annual interest rate of 1.5 percent and a 0.5 percent service fee. The Belize project, also, supports Sustainable Development Goals 11 and 17. Notably, this is the seventh loan provided to Belize by KFAED. Previously, KFAED extended six loans amounting to approximately USD 60.67 million for several projects across various sectors, in addition to grants and technical assistance valued at USD 4.2 million. GOB considers “This latest agreement further strengthens the longstanding partnership between Belize and the State of Kuwait which dates back to the 1990s.” Implementation of the project is targeted for completion in 2028.

The signing of the loan agreement between Belize and the State of Kuwait is indicative of the confidence restored in the John Briceño government and the Belizean economy by the International Financial Institutions. It also represents the pursuit of the PlanBelize 2.0 mandate to build a first-world road network. The Government of Belize expressed its appreciation to the Kuwait Fund for its continued partnership and support toward advancing Belize’s national infrastructure and sustainable development goals.



REQUEST FOR EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST (CONSULTING SERVICES – INDIVIDUAL CONSULTANT SELECTION)

Belize
Climate Resilient and Sustainable Agriculture Project (CRESAP)
Loan No.: 9347 BE
Project ID No.: P172592
Assignment Title: Temporary Data Collectors
Reference No. (as per Procurement Plan): BZ-SIF-485857-CS-INDV

The Government of Belize has received financing from the World Bank toward the cost of the Climate Resilient and Sustainable Agriculture Project and intends to apply part of the proceeds for consulting services.

The consulting services (“the Services”) is for qualified and experienced TEMPORARY-DATA COLLECTORS (10) FOR THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE, FOOD SECURITY AND ENTERPRISE (MAFSE). The Temporary Data Collectors will collect and validate national agricultural data with the purpose of updating surveys and deploying new surveys where necessary. Data collection/ Enumeration will ensure quality, relevance and consistency of an updated dataset that can be used for production estimates, validation and policy decision making. These Temporary Enumerators will work throughout the country. Additionally, support will be provided from MAFSE-Data Collectors, the Policy Unit and the Extension Service. The Temporary Enumerators will work directly under the supervision of the CRESAP-PIU M&E Officer. All work conducted, including reports, will be overseen by the Policy Unit of the Ministry of Agriculture, Food Security & Enterprise (MAFSE) and the Climate Resilient & Sustainable Agriculture Project (CRESAP-PIU) team. All coordination will also be done in collaboration with the CRESAP-PIU M&E Officer, given the work that CRESAP-PIU needs to collect in the future.

The GOB through the Ministry of Agriculture, Food Security and Enterprise (MAFSE) has appointed the Belize Social Investment Fund (BSIF) as the implementing agency for the project and the BSIF is seeking to recruit individuals to fill the position of (10) Temporary Data Collectors for MAFSE.

The detailed Terms of Reference (TOR) for the assignment can be obtained by submitting a request in writing via e-mail to procurement.cresap@sifbelize.org.

The Belize Social Investment Fund now invites eligible individuals (“Consultants”) to indicate their interest in providing the Services. Interested Consultants should provide information demonstrating that they have the required qualifications and relevant experience to perform the Services (such as cover letter, Curriculum Vitae etc.).

Minimum Mandatory Requirements *(Required)

- Qualifications
- Minimum High School Diploma with a background in agriculture (Max 15 points)

General Experience

- At least one-year experience working in rural communities (max 15 points)

If these minimum requirements are not met, candidates will not be considered for the process

Additional Requirements (Desirable)

Specific Experience

- At least three data collection assignments using CAPI, PAPI, CAWI etc. (max 20 points)
- At least two years’ experience working with Android Applications, Global Positioning Systems (GPS) or other customized applications for data collection (max 20 points)
- Having worked with SIB, or with any other recognized entity in relation to data collection, within the last five years it will be considered an additional asset in the selection of temporary enumerators. (Max 30 points)

Minimum total points required to be considered for the assignment is 75 points.

The attention of interested Consultants is drawn to Section III, paragraphs, 3.14, 3.16, and 3.17 of the World Bank’s “Procurement Regulations for IPF Borrowers” July 2016 (“Procurement Regulations”), setting forth the World Bank’s policy on conflict of interest.

A Consultant will be selected in accordance with the Selection of Individual Consultant method set out in the Procurement Regulations.

Further information can be obtained at the address below during office hours, i.e. 0800 to 1600 hours Belize Time.

Expressions of interest must be delivered in a written form to the address below (in person, or by mail, or by e-mail) by November 6, 2025 at 17:00 hours Belize Time.

Belize Social Investment Fund
Attn: Orlando Coc, Procurement Assistant
P.O. Box 459, 4253 Hummingbird Highway, Building C, Belmopan City, Belize
Telephone +501-822-0239
Email: procurement.cresap@sifbelize.org
cc: orlando.coc@sifbelize.org

Why Europeans are discovering Belize

timesofmalta.com

For decades, Europeans seeking new horizons have cast their eyes westward toward the Caribbean. Today, Belize a small, English-speaking nation on the Caribbean coast of Central America is increasingly emerging as the destination of choice not just for tourism, but also for lifestyle migration and offshore banking. What was once a niche option for the adventurous has now become a recognized and credible hub for Europeans looking for sun, security, and sound financial planning.

A tropical lifestyle with European appeal

Belize offers an appealing mix of natural beauty and cultural accessibility. It is the only Central American country where English is the official language, eliminating the communication barriers that often frustrate European retirees or digital nomads elsewhere. Coupled with its laid-back lifestyle, pristine beaches, and the world’s second-largest barrier reef, the attraction is obvious.

For Europeans weary of the rising costs and regulations at home, Belize offers a unique value proposition. “Belize is no longer a hidden gem it is a place where Europeans can find the perfect balance of quality of life, favorable banking conditions, and warm hospitality.” said Luigi Wewege, the President of Caye International Bank.

The cost of living is also a major pull factor. While Spain, Italy, or Portugal once offered affordable havens for Northern Europeans, prices in those Mediterranean countries have steadily risen. By contrast, Belize remains comparatively inexpensive, making it attractive to both retirees living on fixed incomes and younger professionals seeking an affordable base for remote work.

Tourism: The gateway to long-term settlement

For most Europeans, the Belize experience begins as a holiday. The growth of direct flights from major U.S. and Canadian hubs has made Belize more accessible than ever. Tourists often fall in love with the crystal-clear waters of Ambergris Caye or the eco-lodges tucked within lush rainforests.

Once a vacation ends, many visitors start contemplating longer stays. Belize’s Qualified Retired Persons (QRP) program, which

allows foreigners over 45 with proof of a modest monthly income to gain residency benefits, has been a game-changer. It provides exemptions from import duties on personal goods and vehicles, while allowing retirees to keep their foreign pensions and investments untaxed locally.

Offshore banking: Stability in a time of uncertainty

If lifestyle draws Europeans to Belize, offshore banking often convinces them to stay. In recent years, global economic uncertainty, inflationary pressures in the Eurozone,

and political turbulence across the continent have prompted many to seek diversification of assets abroad.

Belize has positioned itself as a serious and respected jurisdiction for offshore banking. The country’s regulatory framework ensures stability, while its focus on international clients makes it particularly appealing for Europeans who want to protect their wealth and access global financial services.

Strategic location and connectivity

Another advantage for Europeans is Belize’s geographical position. It sits at the crossroads of North

and Central America, offering proximity to both U.S. markets and the wider Caribbean. For those who want to combine holiday lifestyles with easy access to international travel, Belize delivers.

The country is only a short flight from Miami, Houston, and other U.S. gateways an important factor for Europeans who often split time between different continents. This connectivity allows retirees to welcome family members with ease, and entrepreneurs to maintain cross-Atlantic business links.

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HEALTH PROFILE OF BELIZE

The Public Health System

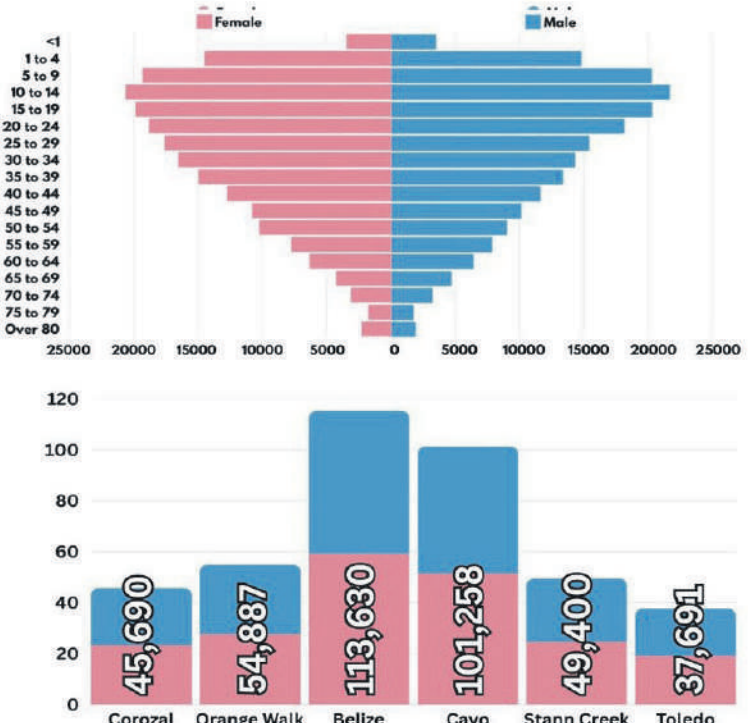
Belize is divided into 4 Health Regions consisting of:

- 1 Tertiary Care Hospital:
 - Karl Heusner Memorial Hospital in Belize City
- 3 Regional Hospitals
 - Northern Regional Hospital in Orange Walk Town
 - Western Regional Hospital in Belmopan, Cayo
 - Southern Regional Hospital in Dangriga, Stann Creek
- 3 Community Hospitals
 - Corozal Community Hospital in Corozal Town
 - San Ignacio Community Hospital in San Ignacio Town, Cayo
 - Punta Gorda Community Hospital in Punta Gorda, Toledo
- 14 Polyclinics
- 30 Health Centers

Healthcare Workers

512	Doctors
76	Dentists
1,159	Nurses
316	Pharmacists
230	Community Health Workers
65	Medical Laboratory Scientists

Demographics



Region	Population
Corozal	45,690
Orange Walk	54,887
Belize	113,630
Cayo	101,258
Stann Creek	49,400
Toledo	37,691

stats@health.gov.bz 828-4465

Climate Change
Strengthening Belize's
Capacity to Adapt

NCCO Leads Session two
of Multisectoral National
Adaptation Plan (NAP)
Gap, Vulnerability & Risk
Assessment Validation and
Capacity Building Workshop!



October 6 - Through the support of the Green Climate Fund (GCF), in collaboration with the Protected Areas Conservation Trust (PACT) and the Ministry of Economic Transformation, the National Climate Change Office (NCCO) under the Ministry of Sustainable Development, Climate Change, and Solid Waste Management coordinated two 2-day sessions with consulting firm IDOM from Mexico.

On October 6–7, 2025, participants from across government, academia, and civil society came together to strengthen Belize's capacity to adapt to climate change by validating results from the Gap, Vulnerability, and Risk Assessments and identifying key adaptation measures for priority sectors.

Later a similar session will engage private sector stakeholders, women, youth, indigenous peoples, and community organizations, ensuring that voices from all parts of society are part of the adaptation process.

During his opening remarks, Deputy Chief Sumeet Betancourt emphasized the importance of collaboration and the value of diverse perspectives, stating:

“This is where you, our partners and stakeholders, play a key role. Your experiences and perspectives will guide how we plan and implement adaptation across Belize. Because climate change is cross-cutting, it demands collaboration across all sectors.”

It's an exciting and collaborative space for learning, sharing, and building resilience across sectors such as human health, tourism, agriculture,

Six-a-Side Football Corozal's Male and Female Champions

Financial Warriors & Libertad Exodus are 2025 Male & Female 6-a-side Football Champs! On Saturday, October 4th, the finals of the 2025 Mayor Rigo Vellos & Corozal Town Council Male & Female 6-a-side Football Tournament saw new champions rise up.



The Libertad Exodus female team won 1st place, over Rising Phoenix football team. Meanwhile, the Financial Warriors male team (Atlantic Bank) won 1st place, over Sai Leela FC team.
Male Category Results:
1st Place – Financial Warriors | 2nd Place – Sai Leela FC | 3rd Place – Pesados FC
Best defense: Irvin “Mango Carrillo (Financial Warriors) | Goleador: Oscar Torres (Financial Warriors - 23 goals) | Best coach: Diego (Sai Leela FC) | Most Valuable Player: Oscar (Financial Warriors)
Female Category Results: 1st Place – Libertad Exodus | 2nd Place – Rising Phoenix FC
Best defense: Jennifer Tzul (Libertad Exodus) | Goleadora: Alisha Terry



(Rising Phoenix - 16 goals) | Best coach: Marvin Fuentes (Libertad Exodus) | Most Valuable Player: Cindy Fuentes (Libertad Exodus) Tournament Referees: Israel Clavell, Efen Guy, Teedee Gomez, Leonardo Acosta Mayor Vellos and the Council thank all 26 participating teams in both tournaments, along with the vendors and fans who came out to support every game! (Post) Keeping the sporting spirit alive!



BELCAN BRIDGE REPLACEMENT PROJECT(BELIZE CITY)
REQUEST FOR BIDS

The Government of Belize (GOB) has received a grant from the Republic of China (Taiwan) towards the cost of the **Belcan Bridge Replacement Project**, and intends to apply the proceeds to eligible payments under the contract for which this invitation is issued.

The project consists of:

Lot 2 - Belcan Bridge Replacement

This includes the replacement of the existing bridge structure. Works will also entail the construction of a temporary pedestrian/bicycle bridge across the Haulover Creek for the duration of the project. Path must be allowed for the navigation of small vessels.

This project is being implemented by the Belize City Council (BCC). An Engineering Coordinator is responsible for the day-to-day management of project activities and, an Engineering Supervision Consultant has been retained by BCC to assist with the supervision of the contract.

Provided all phases of this process proceed without delay, construction is expected to start in the month of January 2026. The BCC hereby invites interested contractors in the civil works sector to be part of this bidding process.

The Scope of Works refers to:

Lot 2 - Belcan Bridge Replacement

- Piles Fabrication and Installation
- Girder Fabrication and Installation
- Bridge Construction
- Construction of Approaches
- Demolition of Existing Structure

The requirements will include:

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| a. An average annual turnover of at least United States Dollars (US\$) equivalent shown (defined as billing for works in progress and completed) Over the last three years; | USD \$ 4.0 m |
| b. Demonstrable capacity to have a cash flow of at least the US\$ equivalent shown (including access to credit); and | USD \$ 1.0 m |
| c. Participation as contractor in the construction of at least one contract of a similar nature and complexity to the proposed project activity within the last five years with at least the US\$ equivalent value shown (successfully and substantially completed). | USD \$ 2.5 m |

Effective **Monday, September 29, 2025**, bidding documents will be available at a cost of BZ \$2,000.00 from the address below.

All bidding documents properly completed in sealed envelopes should be submitted to the address below no later than **10:00am on Friday November 14, 2025**. Electronic bidding will not be permitted. Late bids will be rejected. Bids will be opened publicly in the presence of the bidders on **November 14, 2025 at 10:15am**. The BCC shall not be bound to assign any reason for not post-qualifying any contractor and shall not accept responsibility for any cost incurred by the applicants.

Attention: **City Administrator**
Belize City Council
City Hall
#810 Regent Street
Belize City, Belize

Tel: 227-3073
Email: ca@belizecitycouncil.org

Solidarity with Mexico on Recent Devastating Floods

Belize Birding Festival in Punta Gorda

The Government and people of Belize express our solidarity with the Government and people of the Mexico following the recent devastating floods, particularly in the states of Veracruz, Hidalgo, Querétaro, San Luis Potosí and Puebla.

We extend our deepest condolences to the families of those who have lost their lives and to all affected by this tragedy.

ES: El Gobierno y el pueblo de Belice expresan su solidaridad con el Gobierno y el pueblo de México tras las recientes inundaciones devastadoras, particularmente en los estados de Veracruz, Hidalgo, Querétaro, San Luis Potosí y Puebla.

Expresamos nuestras más sinceras condolencias a las familias de quienes perdieron la vida y a todos los afectados por esta tragedia.



October 4 - The Belize Birding Festival was celebrated at the Punta Gorda Sporting Complex, showcasing Belize’s remarkable avian diversity. This annual event brings together birders and nature enthusiasts from across the country. Participants had the opportunity to deepen their knowledge through engaging panel discussions and educational sessions.

The festival continues to highlight Belize’s growing reputation as a premier birding destination in the region. This is the time the Birds are flying south and Belize is known as a haven and destination for birders to come practice their hobby and to vacation.

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Planning for 2026
GEF-6 Project
Partners Begin!

The GEF-6 Project Implementation Partners gathered in Hopkins for a two-day working session focused on key updates to the Monitoring and Evaluation (M&E) Framework and the development of the 2026 Annual Work Plan.



The Integrated Management of Production Landscapes to Deliver Multiple Global Environmental Benefits Project aims to:

- 1) Mainstream biodiversity conservation and sustainable land and water management into production landscapes, particularly within the Belize River Watershed, using an integrated landscape and watershed approach.
- 2) Strengthen policies, financial mechanisms, and institutional capacities that support sustainable production and enhance value chains for key agricultural and forest products, all while delivering multiple global environmental benefits.

The GEF6 Project is being implemented by the Ministry of Sustainable Development, Climate Change and Solid Waste Management, with the continued support of national and community partners. Together, we're working toward a more resilient, sustainable, and biodiverse Belize! (post)

Supported by the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) and the Global Environmental Facility (GEF), the initiative is anchored in a five-year GEF-6 project focused on protecting the Belize River Watershed, a vital resource that sustains nearly half of Belize's population.

Doing Hugo's Work for the People



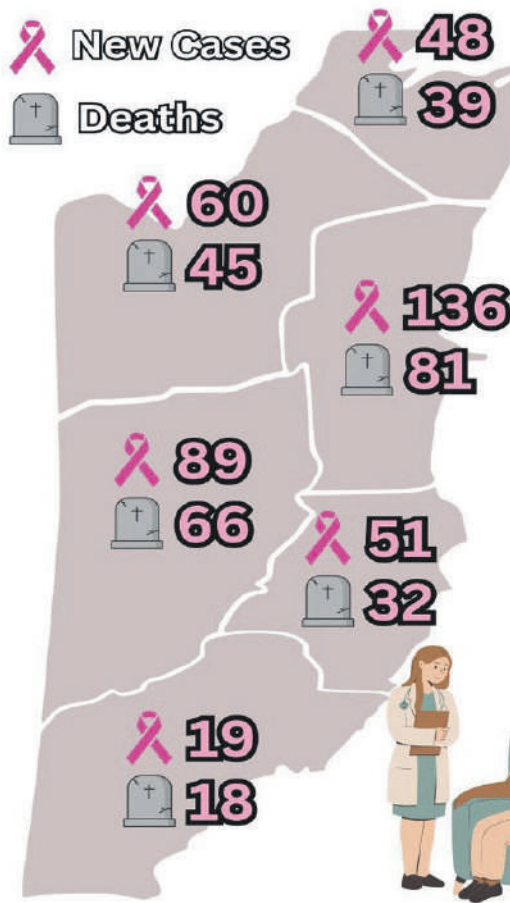
On Saturday 11th of October, the Ministry of Infrastructure Development was out in Corozal North again, fixing the road at the entrance of Paraiso-Altamira road. Accordingly, this area has always had a serious problem with erosion causing tremendous pot holes in the middle of the street

making it virtually impassable. But today thanks to the hard working operators and workers requested by the Corozal North PUP Executive, the road is now in much better conditions allowing the free flow of traffic once again. The Executive would like to thank the Prime Minister

Hon John Briceño, the Ministry of Infrastructure Development as well as the Hon Julius Espat and the Hon. Thea Garcia-Ramirez for making these works possible. The government of Belize continues to work with the people of the North.

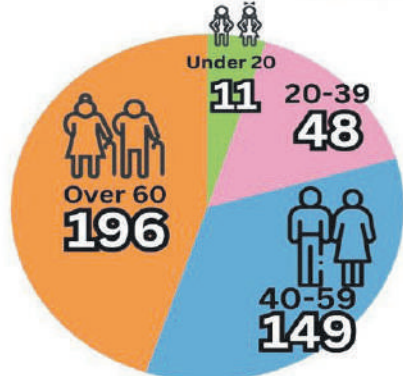
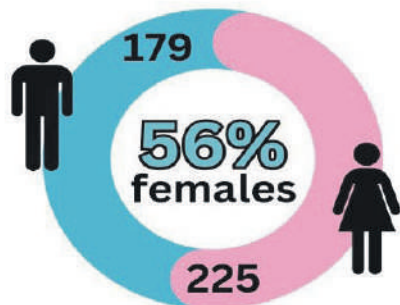
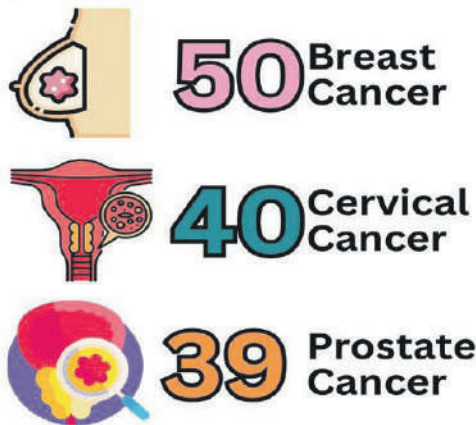


CANCER



Cancer is a condition where cells grow and reproduce abnormally

2024
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LIQUOR LICENSE NOTICES

Notice is hereby given that **Patrick Whitelaw** is applying for a **Restaurant Liquor License** to be operated at **“Dugout’s Bar & Grill”** located at # 56 George Street, Belize City, Belize District under the Intoxicating Liquor License Ordinance Revised Edition 1980.

Notice is hereby given that **Yasmin Kelly** is applying for a **Shop Liquor License** to be operated at **“Malcolm Street Mini Mart”** located at # 9379 Malcolm Street, Belize City, Belize District under the Intoxicating Liquor License Ordinance Revised Edition 1980.

Notice is hereby given that **Maria I Eraso** is applying for a **Beer Liquor License** to be operated at **“Lucita Shop”** located at 2 Miles P.G. HWY., Belize City, Belize District under the Intoxicating Liquor License Ordinance Revised Edition 1980.

Notice is hereby given that **Salma/ Rajaul Islam** are applying for a **Malt & Cider Liquor License** to be operated at **“New Peoples Lunch Box”** located at # 100 North Front Street, Belize City, Belize District under the Intoxicating Liquor License Ordinance Revised Edition 1980.

Notice is hereby given that **Shariful Islam** is applying for a **Shop Liquor License** to be operated at **“New Diamond Grocery & Laundromat”** located at # 129 New Road, Belize City, Belize District under the Intoxicating Liquor License Ordinance Revised Edition 1980.

Notice is hereby given that **Aura Vasquez** is applying for a **Malt & Cider Liquor License** to be operated at **“Edel’s Grocery Shop”** located at # 14 Antelope St. Ext., Belize City, Belize District under the Intoxicating Liquor License Ordinance Revised Edition 1980.

Notice is hereby given that **Muammer Koc** is applying for a **Restaurant Liquor License** to be operated at **“Chateau D’ottoman Foods”** located at # 5566 Princess Margaret Dr., Belize City, Belize District under the Intoxicating Liquor License Ordinance Revised Edition 1980.

Notice is hereby given that **Victor Foods Distributors Ltd.** is applying for a **Publican General Liquor License** to be operated at **“The V Department Store”** located at # 1745 Coney Dr., Belize City, Belize District under the Intoxicating Liquor License Ordinance Revised Edition 1980.

Notice is hereby given that **Queen’s Grab & Go Ltd.** is applying for a **Restaurant Liquor License** to be operated at **“Queen’s Grab & Go Ltd.”** located at 3 Miles P.G. HWY., Belize City, Belize District under the Intoxicating Liquor License Ordinance Revised Edition 1980.

Notice is hereby given that **Gina M. Smith** is applying for a **Malt & Cider Liquor License** to be operated at **“Brew Coffee House, Belize City”** located at # 2/4 Hutson Street, Belize City, Belize District under the Intoxicating Liquor License Ordinance Revised Edition 1980.

Notice is hereby given that **Xue Hong Tan** is applying for a **Shop Liquor License** to be operated at **“CT Mart”** located at # 75 West Lake, 8 Miles G.P. HWY., Belize District under the Intoxicating Liquor License Ordinance Revised Edition 1980.

Notice is hereby given that **Windell Humes** is applying for a **Publican Special Liquor License** to be operated at **“Ladyville Cool Spot”** located in Ladyville Village, Belize District under the Intoxicating Liquor License Ordinance Revised Edition 1980.

Notice is hereby given that **Daphne’s Lagoon Lodge Limited** is applying for a **Publican Special Liquor License** to be operated at **“Daphne’s Lagoon Lodge Limited”** located in Northern Lagoon, Belize District under the Intoxicating Liquor License Ordinance Revised Edition 1980.

Notice is hereby given that **Roma Oshon** is applying for a **Shop Liquor License** to be operated at **“Blessed Love Shop”** located at 16 Miles G.P.HWY., Hattieville Village, Belize District under the Intoxicating Liquor License Ordinance Revised Edition 1980.

Notice is hereby given that **Xiao Zhong Wang** is applying for a **Beer Liquor License** to be operated at **“We Hardware & Construction Supplies”** located at # 1 Mitchell Estate, Ladyville Village, Belize District under the Intoxicating Liquor License Ordinance Revised Edition 1980.

Notice is hereby given that **Yue Shao Ruan** is applying for a **Convenience Store Liquor License** to be operated at **“R & I Snack Shop”** located at # 7680 Faber’s Road, Belize City, Belize District under the Intoxicating Liquor License Ordinance Revised Edition 1980.

Notice is hereby given that **Chun Hua Chen** is applying for a **Convenience Store Liquor License** to be operated at **“Kickdown Fence”** located at # 46 Victoria Street, Belize City, Belize District under the Intoxicating Liquor License Ordinance Revised Edition 1980.

Notice is hereby given that **Noe De Jesus** is applying for a **Beer Liquor License** to be operated at **“Martinez Shop”** located at # 58 Daisy Hornby Street, Belize City, Belize District under the Intoxicating Liquor License Ordinance Revised Edition 1980.

Notice is hereby given that **Sandra Quinteros** is applying for a **Malt & Cider Liquor License** to be operated at **“Senor Coconut”** located at # 1212 Barrack Road, Belize City, Belize District under the Intoxicating Liquor License Ordinance Revised Edition 1980.

Notice is hereby given that **Jia Hui Lu** is applying for a **Shop Liquor License** to be operated at **“Lu Store”** located on Ediver De La O St., Benque Viejo Del Carmen, Cayo District under the Intoxicating Liquor License Ordinance Revised Edition 1980.

Notice is hereby given that **Xue Wen Cen** is applying for a **Shop Liquor License** to be operated at **“De Xin Store”** located on George Price Blvd., Benque Viejo Del Carmen, Cayo District under the Intoxicating Liquor License Ordinance Revised Edition 1980.

Notice is hereby given that **Xiao Ying Wu** is applying for a **Shop Liquor License** to be operated at **“General Mart”** located on George Price Blvd., Benque Viejo Del Carmen, Cayo District under the Intoxicating Liquor License Ordinance Revised Edition 1980.

Notice is hereby given that **Huan Jun Kong** is applying for a **Publican Special Liquor License** to be operated at **“El Restaurante Exquisito”** located on George Price Blvd., Benque Viejo Del Carmen, Cayo District under the Intoxicating Liquor License Ordinance Revised Edition 1980.

Notice is hereby given that **Can Xia Li** is applying for a **Shop Liquor License** to be operated at **“Zhen’s Supermarket”** located on George Price Blvd., Benque Viejo Del Carmen, Cayo District under the Intoxicating Liquor License Ordinance Revised Edition 1980.

Notice is hereby given that **Chao Shuang Wu** is applying for a **Publican Special Liquor License** to be operated at **“Tracy’s Restaurant”** located on George Price Blvd., Benque Viejo Del Carmen, Cayo District under the Intoxicating Liquor License Ordinance Revised Edition 1980.

Notice is hereby given that **Xiao Yi Lin** is applying for a **Shop Liquor License** to be operated at **“Emily Lin’s Store”** located on George Price Blvd., Benque Viejo Del Carmen, Cayo District under the Intoxicating Liquor License Ordinance Revised Edition 1980.

Notice is hereby given that **Zi Jian Chen** is applying for a **Publican Special Liquor License** to be operated at **“Long Lucky Restaurant”** located on George Price Blvd., Benque Viejo Del Carmen, Cayo District under the Intoxicating Liquor License Ordinance Revised Edition 1980.

Notice is hereby given that **Jiale Xu** is applying for a **Shop Liquor License** to be operated at **“Xu Supermarket”** located on Churchill Street, Benque Viejo Del Carmen, Cayo District under the Intoxicating Liquor License Ordinance Revised Edition 1980.

Notice is hereby given that **Da Quan Zhen** is applying for a **Shop Liquor License** to be operated at **“Alex Store”** located on George Price Blvd., Benque Viejo Del Carmen, Cayo District under the Intoxicating Liquor License Ordinance Revised Edition 1980.

Notice is hereby given that **Wei Jie Huang** is applying for a **Shop Liquor License** to be operated at **“Hua Yong Super Store”** located on George Price Blvd., Benque Viejo Del Carmen, Cayo District under the Intoxicating Liquor License Ordinance Revised Edition 1980.

Notice is hereby given that **Guoqun Mo** is applying for a **Shop Liquor License** to be operated at **“Double M Store”** located on George Price Blvd., Benque Viejo Del Carmen, Cayo District under the Intoxicating Liquor License Ordinance Revised Edition 1980.

Notice is hereby given that **Jian Bai Zhen** is applying for a **Shop Liquor License** to be operated at **“Daisy’s Store”** located on George Price Blvd., Benque Viejo Del Carmen, Cayo District under the Intoxicating Liquor License Ordinance Revised Edition 1980.

Notice is hereby given that **Dayi Zhen** is applying for a **Shop Liquor License** to be operated at **“Mini Store”** located on Kennedy Street, Benque Viejo Del Carmen, Cayo District under the Intoxicating Liquor License Ordinance Revised Edition 1980.

Notice is hereby given that **Zhi Ming Wu** is applying for a **Shop Liquor License** to be operated at **“Yvonne Grocery Store”** located on St. Joseph Street, Benque Viejo Del Carmen, Cayo District under the Intoxicating Liquor License Ordinance Revised Edition 1980.

Notice is hereby given that **Javier Itza** is applying for a **Shop Liquor License** to be operated at **“Itza Store”** located in San Jose Succotz Village, Cayo District under the Intoxicating Liquor License Ordinance Revised Edition 1980.

Notice is hereby given that **Benigno Chan** is applying for a **Shop Liquor License** to be operated at **“Benny’s Store”** located in San Jose Succotz Village, Cayo District under the Intoxicating Liquor License Ordinance Revised Edition 1980.

Notice is hereby given that **Benigno Chan** is applying for a **Restaurant Liquor License** to be operated at **“Benny’s Kitchen”** located in San Jose Succotz Village, Cayo District under the Intoxicating Liquor License Ordinance Revised Edition 1980.

Notice is hereby given that **Rosa Elena Cocom** is applying for a **Shop Liquor License** to be operated at **“Elena’s Place”** located in Corozalito Village, Cayo District under the Intoxicating Liquor License Ordinance Revised Edition 1980.

Notice is hereby given that **Rubileni Chan** is applying for a **Restaurant Liquor License** to be operated at **“Sweet & Sour Restaurant”** located on George Price HWY., Succotz Village, Cayo District under the Intoxicating Liquor License Ordinance Revised Edition 1980.

Notice is hereby given that **Siomara J. Guerra** is applying for a **Beer Liquor License** to be operated at **“Siomi’s”** located in San Jose Succotz Village, Cayo District under the Intoxicating Liquor License Ordinance Revised Edition 1980.

Notice is hereby given that **Victor R. Itza** is applying for a **Publican Special Liquor License** to be operated at **“Hanna’s Cool Spot”** located in San Jose Succotz Village, Cayo District under the Intoxicating Liquor License Ordinance Revised Edition 1980.

Notice is hereby given that **Azucena Galvez** is applying for a **Restaurant Liquor License** to be operated at **“Clarissa Falls”** located at Miles 75, G.P.HWY., Calle Creek Rd., Cayo District under the Intoxicating Liquor License Ordinance Revised Edition 1980.

Notice is hereby given that **Kevin S. Castellanos** is applying for a **Night Club Liquor License** to be operated at **“Okis Night Spot”** located on Churchill Street, Benque Viejo Del Carmen, Cayo District under the Intoxicating Liquor License Ordinance Revised Edition 1980.

Notice is hereby given that **Rajiv Mehmi** is applying for a **Night Club Liquor License** to be operated at **“Piccadilly Nightclub & Lounge”** located on Churchill Street, Benque Viejo Del Carmen, Cayo District under the Intoxicating Liquor License Ordinance Revised Edition 1980.

NOTICE

GOVERNMENT OF BELIZE TREASURY BILLS
ISSUE NUMBER 14/2025

Tenders are invited for an issue of Government of Belize Treasury Bills. The amount of the issue will be \$64,391,800.00.

The Bills will be issued in electronic form only evidenced by an electronic book entry in the Central Securities Depository (CSD) of the Central Bank of Belize in multiples of \$200 and will be repayable at par 91 days after issue. They will be issued on Tuesday, 21 October 2025 and will be redeemed on Tuesday, 20 January 2026.

Each tender must be for \$200 or a multiple of \$200. Bid yields must be submitted to five decimal places.

Members of the public who wish to participate in the auction must submit their bid to the Central Bank of Belize electronically to bids@centralbank.org.bz or at the designated drop off box no later than 12:00 noon on Friday, 17 October 2025.

The auction in the CSD will be opened from 10:00 am to 12:00 pm on Tuesday 21 October 2025.

Successful bidders should arrange to settle via the Automated Payment & Securities Settlement System of Belize (APSSS).

Bank: Central Bank of Belize
Account: GLICORP0402627

The Government of Belize reserves the right to accept or reject any and/or all tenders in whole or in part.

CENTRAL BANK OF BELIZE

Notices are placed on Central Bank of Belize Website (www.centralbank.org.bz)

10 October 2025



REQUEST FOR BIDS (RFB)

SUPPLY AND DELIVERY OF VEHICLES

Institution: Ministry of Finance
Country: Belize
Deadline: October 24, 2025; 10:00 a.m. (Local Belize Time)

The Ministry of Finance (MOF) hereby invites tenders for the Supply and Delivery vehicles that will form part of the Ministry of National Defence & Border Security fleet of vehicles.

Questions and/or clarifications on this tender should be made in writing, via email, to procurement@ceu.mof.gov.bz before the deadline for clarifications on October 17, 2025, at 4pm.

The deadline for the submission of bids is October 24, 2025, at 10:00 am.

Late bids will not be accepted and any bid submitted after the deadline will be returned unopened.

The Ministry of Finance reserves the right to cancel the entire proceedings at any time without incurring any cost.

Interested bidders can access the Instructions to Bidder and details on the specification for this tender online at <https://procurement.gov.bz/opportunities/> or by scanning the QR code below, and to submit bids in accordance with the instructions provided.

ATTN: Karon Hamilton
Procurement Specialist
Ministry of Finance
2nd Floor, Sir Edney Cain Building, Belmopan
Tel: 501-822-4106
procurement@ceu.mof.gov.bz



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Why Europeans are discovering Belize

The rise of the European community in Belize

Belize is also witnessing a quiet but steady rise in its European community. From German entrepreneurs setting up eco-lodges to British retirees settling along the Placencia Peninsula, the demographic diversity is growing. Italian restaurateurs, Dutch dive operators, and French hoteliers add a continental flair to Belize's already multicultural landscape.

This presence creates a comfort zone for newcomers. Europeans often find that Belize offers the best of both worlds: the adventure of Central America combined with familiar networks of expatriates who share language, culture, and values.

A responsible offshore jurisdiction

Belize's evolution into a trusted offshore banking hub is not accidental. Policymakers have made a deliberate effort to shed the "tax haven" image of decades past and instead position the country as a well-regulated, forward-thinking jurisdiction.

Unlike some Caribbean nations whose reputations have been tainted by opaque financial practices, Belize has taken steps to maintain credibility with international partners. For Europeans, this means confidence that their accounts are held in a system that is both efficient and compliant.

Looking ahead: Why Belize will continue to rise

The convergence of lifestyle, tourism, and offshore finance suggests that Belize's popularity with

Europeans will only grow. Several trends reinforce this trajectory:

- Remote Work Expansion: As European professionals embrace location-independence, Belize's internet infrastructure and international orientation make it attractive for digital nomads.
- Sustainability Appeal: Eco-tourism and green living resonate strongly with European values. Belize's commitment to marine conservation and sustainable development is a selling point.
- Geopolitical Diversification: As Europe faces fiscal and political uncertainties, offshore diversification in stable regions becomes more compelling.

Belize's unique combination of natural charm and financial sophistication is rare. Few places in the world offer both a reef-front villa and an internationally recognized offshore bank within walking distance.

For Europeans, Belize represents more than a holiday destination. It is an emerging lifestyle choice and a financial strategy, a place where leisure and legacy meet. With residency programs tailored for foreigners, a cost of living that remains accessible, and offshore banking services that adhere to global best practices, Belize stands out as a rising hub.

As the word spreads across Europe, Belize is likely to see even greater inflows of both people and capital. For those willing to look beyond traditional destinations, Belize is the frontier of a new kind of European migration one defined by sun, security, and smart banking.

LIQUOR LICENSE NOTICES

Notice is hereby given that **Jia Qi Liang** is applying for a **Publican Special Liquor License** to be operated at "**Milo Restaurant**" located on George Price Blvd., Benque Viejo Del Carmen, Cayo District under the Intoxicating Liquor License Ordinance Revised Edition 1980.

Notice is hereby given that **Edwin M. Chulin** is applying for a **Malt & Cider Liquor License** to be operated at "**Stone Lady**" located in Succotz Village, Cayo District under the Intoxicating Liquor License Ordinance Revised Edition 1980.

Notice is hereby given that **Yan Zhu Zhao** is applying for a **Shop Liquor License** to be operated at "**Lucky Zhao Store**" located at # 11 George St., Benque Viejo Del Carmen, Cayo District under the Intoxicating Liquor License Ordinance Revised Edition 1980.

Notice is hereby given that **Sorayda A. Cruz/Alvin M. Perez** are applying for a **Night Club Liquor License** to be operated at "**Eclipse Night Club**" located at # 40 George Price Blvd., Benque Viejo Del Carmen, Cayo District under the Intoxicating Liquor License Ordinance Revised Edition 1980.

Notice is hereby given that **Patricia Raymundo** is applying for a **Beer Liquor License** to be operated at "**Patty's Place**" located on Lomas Del Rodeo, Benque Viejo Del Carmen, Cayo District under the Intoxicating Liquor License Ordinance Revised Edition 1980.





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